



## Installation or Replacement of One (1) Boatlift per Property Version: May 30, 2001

Location: This informal programmatic consultation applies to proposed actions in Washington State where the National Marine Fisheries Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have concurred that the project not likely to adversely affect listed fish species and designated critical habitat and will not jeopardize proposed fish species or destroy or adversely modify proposed critical habitat.

Implementation Conditions: To be covered by this informal programmatic consultation, all actions addressed herein shall comply with the Implementation Conditions outlined in ***Programmatic Consultation – Phase I: General Implementation Conditions***. In addition, each action shall comply with specific conditions outlined below.

Timing: Except for “*Installation of One (1) Boatlift*”, the action shall only occur once within one “work season” (the approved work windows described in ***Programmatic Consultation – Phase I: Approved Work Windows***) for a single and complete project. For example, only a maximum of 18 piles shall be replaced on a single pier within the approved work window. The following year, up to 18 piles may be replaced on the same pier within the approved work window for that year. For “*Installation of One (1) Boatlift*”, only one boatlift per structure is allowed. If a boatlift already exists on the pier, a new boatlift may not be installed using the programmatic consultation.

Adjacent: For the purposes of this document, “adjacent” is defined as within 300 linear feet. This is used when restricting projects from impacting special aquatic sites (such as an eelgrass bed or wetland) and/or salmonid or forage fish spawning areas.

**Installation or Replacement of One (1) Boatlift per Property:** Installation or replacement of one (1) uncovered boatlift at an existing pier or dock, provided that:

**NOTE:** Only one boatlift per structure is allowed under the programmatic consultation. If a boatlift already exists on the pier, a new boatlift may not be installed using the programmatic consultation. The new boatlift will require individual ESA consultation.

### 1. In Fresh Waters excluding Columbia River mainstem:

- Work is done in approved work window.
- No work is done over or adjacent to vegetated shallows (except where such vegetation is limited to State-designated noxious weeds) or in or adjacent to spawning habitat for listed or proposed fish species.
- No large woody debris is removed.
- All structural steel members are pre-painted and dried prior to installation.

- Only non-treated wood shall be used.
- Only two (2) new piles (steel or non-treated wood) may be driven and only if necessary for boatlift installation.
- If a barge is used, the barge does not ground out and the barge is not over or adjacent to vegetated shallows (except where such vegetation is limited to State-designated noxious weeds).
- Existing boatlifts to be removed are removed in their entirety.

2. In the Columbia River mainstem including Snake River and Baker Bay:

- Work is done in approved work window.
- No work is done over or adjacent to vegetated shallows (except where such vegetation is limited to State-designated noxious weeds) or in or adjacent to spawning habitat for listed, proposed or forage fish species.
- No large woody debris is removed.
- All structural steel members are pre-painted and dried prior to installation.
- Only non-treated wood shall be used.
- Only two (2) new piles (steel or non-treated wood) may be driven and only if necessary for boatlift installation.
- If a barge is used, the barge does not ground out and the barge is not over or adjacent to vegetated shallows (except where such vegetation is limited to State-designated noxious weeds).
- Existing boatlifts to be removed are removed in their entirety.

3. In Marine/Estuarine Waters excluding Baker Bay:

- Work is done in approved work window.
- No work is done over or adjacent to vegetated shallows or spawning habitat for forage species.
- No large woody debris is removed.
- All structural steel members are pre-painted and dried prior to installation.
- No wood or piles treated with creosote or pentachlorophenol shall be used.
- Only two (2) new piles may be driven and only if necessary for boatlift installation.
- If a barge is used, the barge does not ground out and the barge is not over or adjacent to vegetated shallows (except where such vegetation is limited to State-designated noxious weeds).
- Existing boatlifts to be removed are removed in their entirety.